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# Safety Considerations for Home Healthcare – a Law Enforcement Perspective

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# Welcome

- So glad you are here
  - Andy - retired from Las Vegas Metro
  - Jessica - retired from Farmington, NM
- Let's do this workshop
  - We will discuss numerous aspects that you as healthcare workers need to consider for your safety.

# Today's Learning Objectives

- Attendees will:
  - Recognize common dangers or threats to your safety.
  - Identify what regulations and polices you need to consider.
  - Assess situations and identify when you should call for law enforcement assistance.

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mindfulness and  
awareness.



# Dangers and Threats to your safety:

- This can be people, situations and surroundings, materials or environment in the home.

People	Situations/Surrounding	Materials/Environment
Patient	Mental health of patient	Pets/animals
Family members	Patient's overall health	Equipment
Other visitors	Other stressors in the person's life	Drugs
Neighbors	Neighborhood	Weapons

# Examples of threats/dangers:

- You are in a home giving care and the patient and their partner/spouse get into an argument and start threatening each other.
- Same example above but they are arguing or threatening you.
- While in a home you notice signs of drug abuse.
- While in a home you see weapons that are easily accessible.
- While in a home a patient shares homicidal ideations.
- The residence is in a high crime area.
- There are aggressive animals present.

# HH1-1A: Regulations and Policies



The Home Health Agency (HHA) is in compliance with federal, state and local laws. 484.100 (G848), 484.100(b) (G860).

The Home Health Agency (HHA) and its personnel must operate and furnish services in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations related to the health and safety of patients. If state or local law provides for licensing of HHAs, the HHA must be licensed.

The HHA, its branches, and all persons furnishing services to patients must be licensed, certified, or registered, as applicable, in accordance with the state licensing authority as meeting those requirements.

The HHA has a physical location and all required license(s) and or permit(s) are current and posted in a prominent location accessible to public view in all locations/branches and/or in accordance with appropriate regulations or law.

# Other policy and regulations to consider:

- State Law
  - State Regulations
  - Employer Policy Manuals
  - Standards
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- What are your duties to report to law enforcement and to provide care?



# When to call for help:

- The situation or danger that is present prohibits you from being able to provide care required by law.
- The situation presents an imminent danger to you or the patient.
- Any emergency requiring law enforcement presence.

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# Thank you

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